

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:

Article VIII, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding one new section, to be known as section 8, to read as follows:

Section 8. Voters of the state shall be entitled to vote early in advance of election day, without having to state an excuse, in-person or by mail for all federal or state general elections as follows:

1. Early voting shall be conducted from the sixth Tuesday before the election until the close of regular business hours the Monday immediately before the election for both in-person and mail-in voting. The hours for conducting early voting shall be the regular business hours of each local election authority. For the twenty one days immediately prior to election day, the hours for early voting shall also include at least five hours on Saturday and at least five hours on Sunday with such hours on Saturday and Sunday including the hours of 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. On the last Thursday during the early voting period immediately before the election, the hours for conducting early voting must include the hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

2. Each local election authority shall conduct early voting at a central vote early location. In addition, each local election authority with more than one hundred seventy five thousand registered voters shall establish satellite vote early sites as additional locations at which to vote early as follows:

- (1) In addition to conducting voting at the central vote early location, each local election authority with more than one hundred seventy five thousand registered voters shall provide one satellite vote early site. Local election authorities shall provide one satellite vote early site for registered voters in excess of one hundred seventy five thousand and an additional satellite vote early site for each increment of seventy five thousand registered voters such that local election authorities will provide one central location for up to one hundred seventy five thousand registered voters, one central location and one satellite site for between one hundred seventy five and two hundred and fifty thousand registered voters, one central location and two satellite sites for between two hundred fifty thousand and three hundred twenty five thousand registered voters, et cetera;
- (2) For purposes of this section, the number of registered voters shall be determined by the number of registered voters in that jurisdiction in the previous federal general election;
- (3) In determining the location of the satellite vote early sites, the local election authority shall consider factors, including but not limited to, the geographic location and demographics of voters in the previous federal general election and current United States census data to ensure nondiscrimination in the representation of the community served to the greatest extent possible;
- (4) The election authority shall provide adequate public notice of the designated central vote early location and the satellite vote early sites, including but not limited to, posting information concerning the availability of early voting and the location(s) and hours for early voting prominently at the local election authority's office, prominently on the web site of the local election authority, and by such other methods as the local election authority may reasonably select; and
- (5) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local election authority from establishing additional satellite voting locations in excess of those required by this provision, nor shall this section prohibit a local election authority with fewer than one hundred thousand seventy five registered voters from establishing one or more satellite vote early sites.

3. Local election authorities shall appoint at least one election judge from each major political party to serve at the central vote early location and at any satellite vote early site. Procedures for appointing judges for central vote early locations and satellite vote early sites shall be the same as provided in the general election law. Procedures for designating challengers for central vote early locations and satellite vote early sites shall be the same as the procedures provided in the general election law. Procedures for casting ballots at central vote early locations and satellite vote early sites shall be the same as the procedures provided in the general election law. Procedures for tabulating ballots cast at central vote early locations and satellite vote early sites shall be the same as provided in the general election law.

4. The state of Missouri and all local election authorities shall make available to any requester a list of all voters who have already cast such ballots. Such list shall only include voter information authorized pursuant to the general election law and shall be made available promptly after a request. Such list shall be provided in a paper or a readily available electronic format, at the option of the requester.

5. This section is self-executing. Any law that conflicts with this section shall not be valid or enforceable, and this section shall be implemented notwithstanding Article X Sections 16-24 of the Missouri Constitution. All of the provisions of this section are severable. If any provision of this section is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or unconstitutionally enacted, the remaining provisions of this section shall be and remain valid.